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PARAMILITARY GROUPS INCREASE ACTIVITIES

PROMOTE CLOSER TIES WITH ARMED FORCES -- Trybuna Ludu, No 89, 30 Mar 50

The Friends of Service Men Society, the Aviation League, the Maritime League, and the Polish Western Association held meetings recently to elect delegates to their general assemblies. Discussions at the meetings centered around the strengthening of Poland's defensive power through an increase in economic potential and in military power. To achieve this end, the entire Polish population must express its support of the armed forces. Polish-Soviet brotherhood in arms must be popularized. Widespread technical education must be promoted as the second line of defense.

The Friends of Service Men Society is active in propagandizing information about the armies of the people's democracies. In the near future, the society will undertake large-scale training of civilians in marksmanship, operation, and maintenance of motor vehicles, and radio and short-wave technology.

Training of glider and powered aircraft pilots was on the agenda of the recent meeting of the Aviation League. Practical training for defense on the seas and inland waterways was discussed at the meetings of the Maritime League and of the Polish Western Association.

Also discussed were problems of coordinating this program with the activities of trade unions, Peasants' Self-Help Cooperatives, the Polish Youth Association, the Service for Poland organization, and various sports and athletic clubs.

TO TRAIN MARKSMEN -- Dziennik Lodzki, No 60, 1 Mar 50

The recently created Regional Marksmanship Association has already organized 16 clubs, including four in Lowicz, Kutno, Wielun, and Piotrkow. These clubs comprise marksmanship sections in various athletic associations.

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Individual membership applications are not accepted by the Regional Marksmanship Association. To become part of the association, each sport club has to present applications from at least ten members. The association, among other things, provides arms and licenses.

The association will organize marksmanship training courses with small arms in April 1950 and pistol training in midseason. The Lodz city administration has placed the shooting range of the Park Ludowy (People's Park) at the disposal of the association. Another shooting range will be near the Kaliski Railroad Terminal.

The present shortage of ammunition will be eliminated when the Chief Committee for Physical Culture can supply adequate quantities of ammunition to the regional marksmanship associations. The Lodz Regional Marksmanship Association will extend financial grants to members for the purchase of arms.

The association will organize interclub marksmanship competitions to select a representative team to participate in the national marksmanship championships in Szczecin.

The association will organize training courses for umpires and newspapermen.

Colonel Doctor Zajaczkowski is president of the Regional Marksmanship Association. Major Gosciewicz, who represented Polish Marksmanship at the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris, is a member of the executive board.

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